

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Patent Application for : Date: Sept. 20, 2001
R. Heiberger : Art Unit: 3752
Serial No.: 09/237,637 : Examiner: C. Kim
Filed: January 26, 1999 : Action: **REQUEST FOR THREE
MONTH EXTENSION OF
TIME**
For: **A FLUID CONTAINER
CLOSURE MECHANISM
WITH DETACHABLE
VALVE ASSEMBLY** ::

To: The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231



Sir:

The Applicant of the above-captioned patent application hereby requests a three (3) month time extension from June 20, 2001 to September 20, 2001 in which to file Applicant's appeal brief. Accordingly, enclosed is our check no. 17120 in the amount of \$445.00 to cover this time extension request. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-1940.

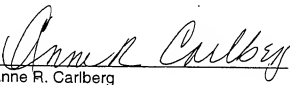
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I hereby certify that the attached **REQUEST FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AND CHECK NO. 17120 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$155.00 FOR THE FEE** is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, The Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, Dc 20231 on this 20th day of September, 2001.


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